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SUBJ: KOREA IN 28TH GA: CHINESE PROBLEM

REF: USUN 4648

SUMMARY: IN 11:00 AM CALL CHOU REPORTED NO SUBSTANTIAL
CHANGE AND AGAIN STRESSED NEED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY. END
SUMMARY.

1. CHOU TELEPHONED MISOFF THAYER AGAIN AT 11:00 AM NOV
10. HE SAID HE HAD CONSULTED HUANG IN INTERVENING HOUR SINCE
PREVIOUS CALL, IMMEDIATELY ADDING: "WE STILL HAVE MANY
DIFFICULTIES IN ORGANIZING A MEETING OF CORE MEMBERS
TODAY...AND MAY NOT BE ABLE ON OUR PART TO INFORM CORE MEMBERS
(TODAY) ABOUT THE DRAFT CONSENSUS." HE THEN VOLUNTEERED
ASSURANCE TO MISOFF THAT "CHINA WILL ABIDE BY THE AGREEMENT
WE REACHED," AND HE FOLLOWED THIS, WITHOUT BEING ASKED,
BY SOMEWHAT APOLOGETIC MESSAGE THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO AND
COULD NOT ELABORATE ON PRESENT SITUATION.

2. CHOU SAID HE WANTED ADDITIONALLY TO STRESS TWO POINTS.
BOTH TURNED OUT TO BE REPETITION IN NEW FORMS OF NEED
FOR CONFIDENTIALITY. FIRST POINT WAS PHRASED APPROXIMATELY
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AS FOLLOWS: "YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, WHEN AMB. HUANG
WAS WITH AMB SCALI, AMB SCALI TOLD US THAT BOTH CHINA AND
US WILL AT NO TIME DISCLOSE TO ANY COUNTRY APART FROM
NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA THAT WE HAVE CONSULTED AND REACHED

AGREEMENT OURSELVES. WE ON OUR PART CAN GIVE GUARANTEE:
WE WON'T TELL CO-SPONSORS AND WON'T TELL CORE MEMBERS."
HE THEN ADDED SOMETHING TO EFFECT THAT "IF EVERYTHING GOES
OKAY" NORTH KOREA'S SUPPORTERS WILL TAKE LINE THAT CONSENSUS
WAS REACHED BY VARIOUS CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

3. CHOU (WHO HAS ON OTHER ISSUES DISPLAYED TENDENCY TO
OVERSTATE WHAT WAS AGREED UPON) ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION
THAT THIS WAS CORRECT SUMMARY OF THIS ASPECT OF SCALI-
HUANG AGREEMENT. MISOFF REPLIED BY RECALLING FOR CHOU THAT
IN CHOU-THAYER DISCUSSION AFTERNOON NOV 8 AND IN SUBSEQUENT
TALKS BETWEEN TWO SIDES WE HAD MADE CLEAR THAT A FEW KEY
CO-SPONSORS HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED OF US-CHINESE CONTACTS.
SCALI HAD, HOWEVER, PROMISED TO HUANG THAT WE WOULD TAKE
ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TO PRESERVE CONFIDENTIALITY OF US-
CHINESE CONTACTS RESULTING IN AGREEMENT. MISOFF TOLD CHOU
ONCE AGAIN THAT AT MEETING TO BE CONVEYED HALF HOUR LATER
CONFIDENTIALITY WOULD BE STRESSED.

4. CHOU'S SECOND POINT WAS SIMPLY RESTATEMENT OF THIS LAST
THEME: "WE CAN'T OVER-EMPHASIZE THE GREAT IMPORTANT OF
ABSOLUTE CONFIDENTIALITY; WE HOPE THAT THIS CAN BE INSURED
BY DISCUSSIONS WITHIN CORE GROUPS. HE SAID THAT "ANY
LEAKAGE BETWEEN NOW AND MONDAY" WOULD THREATEN WHOLE
ARRANGEMENT.

5. DESPITE EARLIER IMPLICATION HE MIGHT HAVE
SUGGESTION AS TO ROK REPRESENTATIVE TO WORK WITH DPRK
COUNTERPART, CHOU TOLD MISOFF THAT HE AT PRESENT HAD NOTHING
TO SUGGEST.

6. CONVERSATION CLOSED WITH AGREEMENT WE WOULD BE
AVAILABLE TO EACH OTHER THROUGHOUT WEEKEND. IT WAS UNDER-
STOOD THAT AS RESULT OF SUBSEQUENT CHOU REPORTS TO US WE
MIGHT NEED FURTHER DISCUSSIONS DURING WEEKEND WITH OUR KEY
CO-SPONSORS.

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